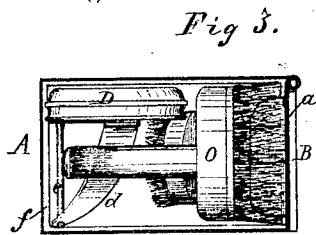
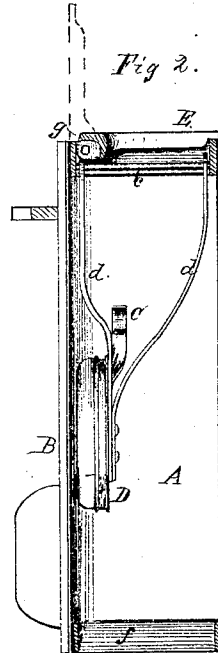
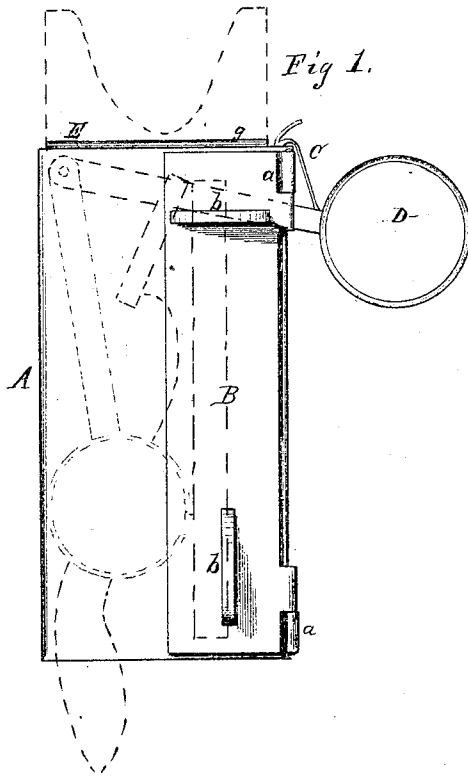


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IMPROVEMENT IN BLACKING APPARATUS AND BOOTJACK COMBINED.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH M. McMASTER, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain Improved Combined Blacking-Case and Bootjack, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates mainly to the combination, in the same device, of a case for boot-blackening apparatus and a folding bootjack, the parts being convenient and occupying but little space.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a plan view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is an end elevation.

A is a case of sheet-iron or similar material, having its ends open, and also one side, except the vertical strips *a*, Figs. 1 and 3, at each end. B is a plate hinged to one edge of the case so as to cover the open side of the latter when folded down, as shown in Fig. 3, and provided upon one face with projecting flanges *b* for the foot-rests. E is a plate having a recess or notch, as shown in Fig. 2, and by dotted lines in Fig. 1, to receive and clutch the boot-heel, and it is hinged at the inner extremity to the end of the case A, forming, when folded down, a partial cover for that end. A projecting shoulder, *g*, which meets the upper edge of the case A, prevents it from being drawn above a horizontal line when in use. D is the blacking-box, which is supported upon bent arms *d d*. These arms are pivoted at their inner end upon a vertical spindle, *c*, one bearing upon it at the lower and one at the upper end, as shown in Fig. 2. The case A is preferably stiffened at the ends by strips *f* of band-iron, riveted to the case internally, one of which may receive the extremities of the spindle *c*, and also the pivots of the boot-drawer E. The blacking-box D is attached to

the arms *d* in any convenient manner, to admit of its being readily removed and replaced, and is swung into the case when not in use, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, before the plate B is shut down. A catch, C, is provided near the outer end of the arms, which springs over the corner of the case and retains the box in a position to use the blacking therefrom. The foot-rests *b* are formed upon that face of the plate B lying inward when the latter is folded down: but when reversed upon the upper side of the case, as shown in Fig. 1, they project upward.

Space is provided in the case for the brush *o*, which may be inserted at the rear end or at the side before the cover B is closed down. Thus, for blacking boots it is only necessary to lift the plate B, draw out the brush, and swing the arms *d* around, exposing the blacking. For withdrawing the boots the plate E is turned upward and used without disturbing the other parts of the apparatus.

My invention is very convenient for the use of travelers and others, as it occupies but little space, while the necessary parts are convenient and effective, and may be kept entirely out of contact with other articles packed with it in a portmanteau or trunk.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, the apparatus herein described, consisting of the folding bootjack E, hinged foot-rest plate B, and blacking-box support *d d*, all arranged within and upon the case A, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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